The ordre of my Lorde Mayor, the Aldermen & the Shiriffes, for their metings and wearynge of theyr apparell throughout the yeare.

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Now the Election of Shreiffes upon
midsomer day alwaies q^d^ wch allowed

And the same day are chosen
by the Common Hall

The Chamberlaine, who is
chosen annually.

The Auditors of the Cham-
berlaines & Bridgemasters Acc^ts^.

~~The Bridgemasters of the~~
~~Orphans~~

And the four Alderemen if
vacant or so many as are.

q^re^ how long they hold of course
2 yrs I take it.

On Michaelmas day is chosen y^e^
Lord mayor & the Bridgemasters if va-
cant & sometimes the Lord mayor issues
out a Precept for a Com Hall about y^e^
time only to chuse Bridgemasters, as 29 day
Sept. 27. 1679. Preston elected Bridg.
2d mayor of Hall. day for election

The first day of Auguſt for the election of the Shiriffes of London.

MY Lord Mayor and the Aldermen, with the Sherifes meete at the Guildehall at viij. of the clocke in the morning, apparelled in their violet gownes lyned, and their ſcarlet clokes lyned, without their hoodes.

And when they haue bene together in the counſaile chamber a certain time at their pleaſures, my Lord and the Aldermen come out and put on their clokes in the Orphanes court, and then go downe in order to the Huſtinges court, & there being ſet, maiſter Recorder ſtandeth vp and maketh his obeyſaunce: firſt to my Lord, and then to the Commons & declareth vnto them wherefore they are aſſembled together, ſhewing vnto thē that it is for the election of one of ỳ Shi-

riffes of London and the ſhere of Middleſex for the yere next enſuing, and for the confirmation of the other Shirife nominated by my L. Mayor according to hys prerogatiue.

But my Lorde and the Aldermen goe vp to my Lordes courte, and there remayne vntill the Shiriffe be named and choſen, ỳ doze ſhutte to them.

Then M. Shiriffes, M. Chamberlein, maiſter common Sergeant, maiſter Towneclarke, ỳ two Secondaries & the counſaillers of the citie remayne ſtill in the Huſtinges court, to take and receiue the name of him that ſhall come by their iudgementes, freelye, and w one conſente to be nominated & elected & iuſtly tried out, not only by voyce, but alſo by handes to be Sheriffe for the yeare following.

That done the Shiriffes, M. Chamberlaine, M. common Sergeant,

geant, M. Towneclarke, the two Secondaries, the Counsailers of the citie, and the Wardens of the head Companies carie vp the reporte to my Lord and the Aldermen of their said election.

Which report receiued, my Lord and the Aldermen come down againe to ỳ Hustinges courte, and there being set in order & placed, maister Recorder standeth vp as he did before, & maketh rehersall of his name whom they haue nominated and chosen, asking them whether it be their free election, yea, or nay. And they graunt yea yea. Then Maister Recorder geueth them thankes, and so they arise and depart home.

¶ On Barthelmew euen for the fayre in Smithfield.

The Aldermen mete my Lord & the Shiriffes at the Guilde hall chappel at ij. of the clocke after diuer in their violet gownes furred, and their horses, without clokes,

and there heare Euening prayer: which being done, they take their horses and ride to Newgate, and so forth to the gate entryng into the cloth fayre, and there maketh a proclamatiō, and the proclamatiō being made, they ride through the cloth faire and so returne backe againe through the churchyard of great S. Bartholmewes to Aldersgate, and so ride home againe to the Lord Mayors house.

¶ On Bartholmew day for wrestling.

So many Aldermen as dyne with my Lord Mayor & the Shirifes be appareled in their scarlet gounes lyned, & after dinner their horses be brought to them where they dine, & those Aldermen which dine with the shirifes, rideth with them to my L. house, to accompany hym to the wrestlyng. Then when the wrestling is done, they take

take their horses and ride backe a-gaine through the fayre, and so in at Aldersgate, & so home againe to the sayd Lord Mayors house.

¶The Sonday after Bartholmew day.

The Aldermen mete my Lord Mayor and the shirifes at Paules crosse, at viij. of the clock in ỳ mornyng, apparaled in their scarlet gounes lyned, without clokes or horses, and there heare the sermon & if there be a wrestlyng or a shoting after dinner, then they come to my lordes place with their said scarlet gounes lined, & their horses as before on Bartholmew day.

¶For our Lady fayre in Southwarke.

My Lord Mayor and the shiriffes ride to S. Magnus church in their scarlet gounes lined without their clokes, after dinner at ij. of the clocke, and there the Alder-

men mete my Lord, and after the Euening prayer they ride through ỹ faire till they come to S. Georges church, and further to Newington bridge (if it be so their pleasures,) and then returne backe againe ouer the Bridge, and there the Aldermen take their leaue of my lord, and depart the next way euery one to his house.

¶ For the swearing of the Shrieffes vpon Michaelmas euen.

What day soeuer it falleth, so many of the Aldermen as be bidden to dinner together of the shrieues, shall come thither to breakfast, or els to drink at viij. of ỹ clock in ỹ morning, in their violet gownes furred, w̃ their clokes brought w̃ them, without horses. And if the shiriffe be an Alderman, thē they must put on their clokes, and the Shiriffe likewise his cloke, and so go to the Guilde hall betwene. ij.

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of the Gray clokes. And if the shi-
riffe be no Alderman, thē to come
betwene.ij.of the Aldermē with-
out clokes, and the Shirife his li-
uery gowne and hys hoode. And
after whē he is swoꝛne, thē to put
on his violet gowne and cloke &
his chain theron. And ỳ Aldermē
muſt bring him home to his place
with theyꝛ clokes to diner, and ſo
after diner take their pleaſure.

¶ Upon Michaelmas day foꝛ the elec-
tion of my Loꝛde Mayoꝛ.

All the Aldermen mete my L.
& the Shiriffes at viij.of ỳ clocke
in the moꝛning at Guilde hall in
their ſcarlet gownes and theyꝛ
clokes furred, and their hoꝛſes,
and after they haue ben a certain
time together in the coũſail cham
ber, they come foꝛth into the Oꝛ-
phanes courte, and put on theyꝛ
clokes and ſo goeth in oꝛder to the
chappell, there hearing ſeruice,

and

and my Lord with certaine Aldermen receiue the cõmunion.

And then after the communion ended, returneth againe into the councell chamber & pause awhile, returne downe into the Huskings court, and there beyng set in order, Maister Recorder ariseth vp and maketh his obeisance first to my Lord, and after to the commõs, and declareth and sheweth vnto them, that as they of old custom know that the cause of their assembly and meeting together is for the election of the L. Mayor for the yeare ensuing, declaring vnto them diuerse grauntes from king Johns tyme, for this their electiõ from time to time: That done, my lord & the Aldermẽ go vp into my lordes court and there tarieth (the doze beyng shut vnto them) til the election be brought to them. Then standeth vp M. common Sergeaunt (the shiriffes standing on either

either ſide of him) and by the ſhi-
riffes M. Chamberlain, M. Toun
clarke, the two Secondaries, and
the counſellers of the Citie in the
ſaid Huſtings court before ỳ com-
mons. And he the ſaid Common
Sergeant maketh a ſhort reher-
ſall of that that M. Recorder had
ſpokẽ to them before: ſaying, there
reſteth no more for him to ſay, but
to put them in remembraunce in
what order and ſorte they ſhould
vſe themſelues in their election.
That is, how they muſt nominate
and chooſe two, of the which ij. my
Lord and the Aldermen muſt cõ-
firme one, which two being nomi
nated, elected, and choſen, M. cõ-
mon Sergeant, the ſhiriffes, with
the reſt before named, and certain
of the head Wardens of the chiefe
companies, goeth vp to my Lord
and the Aldermen, and there pre-
ſenteth the names of thoſe two, ỳ
which the Commons hath nomi-
nated

nated in their election. Then the Mayor and the Aldermen proceedeth by Scruteny to elect one of those two persons which the said commons had before nominated. Then commeth downe my lord againe to the Husting court, and he of his left hand whome they haue chosen, and so my Lord & the Aldermen sit down againe in order, but he who is chosen sitteth next vnto my L. on his left hand. Then standeth M. Recorder vp, and redeth vnto them the names of such persons whom they had nominated and chosē, of the which my L. and the aldermen hath admitted one, whose name is N. asking thē whether it be their fre electiō yea or nay. And the commons answereth yea, yea. Then the Mayor new elected standeth vpon ỳ Hustings court & geueth thē thanks, &c. That beyng done, the olde Mayor doth likewise geue them

thankes

thankes, &c. Then they aryse vp & put of their clokes, and my Lord Mayor hath the L. elect riding with him to the kings shiriffe to dinner.

¶ For the presenting of my Lorde elect, to my L. Chancelor.

Then after diner my lord elect goeth to my Lord Chancelor if he be at home, at his place, or nere vnto it with v. or vj. of the Aldermē & M. Recorder with him in theyr violet gownes either by fote or by water, as the dweling place of the Chauncelor requireth.

¶ The morrow after Michaelmas daye for the Shriefs going to Westminster.

All the Aldermen must be at the ij. Shrifes houses in ỳ morning at 8. of ỳ clock in their violet gowns furred, and theyr horses, without clokes. But my Lord, M. Recorder, & ỳ ij. shirifes must be in their scarlet

scarlet gownes furred, and their clokes born to Westminster with them, & so rideth to the Guilde hal, & from thence to ỳ Vintrie, there taking barge lãding at Westminster bridge, and in the hall putteth on their clokes and so go vp to the Exchequer: and there the ij. new Shirifes be presented and the old sworne to their accompt.

Then they put of their clokes & take barge landing againe at the vintrie, & there taketh horse & my lord rideth to the kings shiriffe to dinner. M. Recorder and the Shiriffes riding next my L. the two shiriffes carying ij. white rods in their handes, and their henche mẽ going after them.

¶ The order for Symon and Judes day.

The old L. Mayor shall haue so many of the Aldermen as dineth wt hym, come to his place at viij. of the

ỳ clock in ỳ morning in their violet
gounes furred, with their clokes &
horses, & the shiriffes to fetche him
to ỳ hall, & there tarieth in ỳ Coun
cel chamber, vntil ỳ new Mayor
cõmeth, and the rest of the Alder-
men come, with the cõpany of ei-
ther of the Lordes before thẽ. And
after they haue bene together a
certaine space, come out into the
Orphanes court, and putteth on
their clokes and go to the Husting
court, and there being set in order
the common cryer maketh proclа-
mation, commaunding euery mã
to kepe silence. Then after the pro
clamation the old lord ariseth vp,
and geueth the new L. his place.
Then M. Towneclarke geueth
him his othe, and when he hath
sworne, M. Chamberlain deliue-
reth vnto him, first the scepter, thẽ
the kayes and the purce, with the
seale, then M. Swordbearer the
sword. Then they arise and put of

their

their clokes, and the old L. rideth home with the new L. to his place and there leaueth him and as many of the Aldermen as dine wyth him. And the old Lord with ỳ rest of the Aldermē rideth to his own place the ſword borne before him, and ſo after dinner the Aldermen depart home at their pleaſure.

¶ On the morrow after Symō & Judes day for my L. going to take his oth at Weſtminſter.

A veluet whoode. All the Aldermen and the Shiriffes commeth to my L. elect at viij. of the clocke in their ſcarlette gounes furred, & their clokes born with them, and their horſe, and ſo rideth to the Guild hall, & the Bachelers and the liuery of my L. company before him.

whoode. But the olde Lord rideth from hys owne place to the hall alone hauing no officers to waite vpon him, but the common hunt as a gē

tleman

tleman vsher going before him, & the common huntesmā and one yeomā of the waters side with his owne men followyng hym, and so tarieth at the hall.

Velvet whodde for both Mayors

And after they be come all togeather, they take their horse and ride to the Vintrie, & there take barge to westminster bridge.

And after they be landed, the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen putteth on their clokes within ẏ palace, and go rounde about the hall, and so vp ẏ Exchequer to be sworne. Then after the oth taken in the Exchequer come downe againe, and goeth first to the kings bench, then to the common place and so put of their clokes, and goeth about ẏ kings tombe in westminster abbey & thē taketh barge agayne. And being landed, rideth to the Guildehall to diner and all the companies of this Citie wyth him, and at their comming into ẏ

hall, the new Lord Mayor wyth two of the auncient Aldermen & the Shiriffes go vp to the Lords table to bid them welcome, and likewise all the other guests, and from thence to the Ladie Mayreſſe table, and ſo come out to the gentlewomans table, and ſo from thence my ſayde new Lord Mayor goeth into ỳ Chamberlaines office where he dineth, & the olde Lord Mayor at their firſt cõming into the hall goeth vp to the high table in the Huſtinges, and there kepeth the ſtate for that feaſt, thẽ after dinner, goeth to Poules with all the companies waityng before my Lord.

For going to Poules on all Saintes day, Chriſtmas day, Twelfth day, and Candelmas day.

Veluet whoddes for both the olde & new.

All the Aldermen and the Shiriffes come to my Lordes place in their ſcarlet gownes furred, and their clokes and hoſes, and from thence

thence rideth to the Guilde hall, my lordes company and the Bachelers before him, and there heareth Euenyng prayer, and when praier is done, they ride to Poules and there both ỳ new L. Mayor and the old put on their clokes & goeth vp to the Quecre, & there heareth ỳ Sermon, which done, they goe aboute the churche, and there put of their clokes where they were put on. Then they take their horses agayne and the Aldermen bringeth my Lord home, and then they haue spice breade & hypocras, and so take theyr leaue of my Lord.

For Sonday after Christmas holy dayes

My L. and the Aldermen must be in their violet gounes without their clokes to the ende to heare ỳ Sermon.

For monday after Twelfth day.

My lord and the Aldermē mete at the Guilde hall at .viij. of the clock in ỳ mornīng in their scarlet gownes furred, and their clokes without hoode, to receiue of theyr wards their indētures of ỳ warmot enquest, & for the swearyng of ỳ Constables & Shauengers.

For good Friday.

My Lorde and the Aldermen mete at Poules crosse at one of ỳ clocke to heare the sermon in their pewke gounes and without their cheynes and Typets.

For monday and Tuesday in Easter weke.

All the Aldermē & Shirifes cōmeth to my lords place before 8. of ỳ clocke to breakefast in their scarlet gounes furred, & their clokes and horses. wyhoode.

And after breakefast take theyr horses and ride to the spittle, and there put on their clokes, and so

sit

ſit downe in order to heare the ſer-
mon, whiche done rydeth home-
warde in order till they come to
the well with two buckets with
in biſhopſgate, and there ſo many
of the Aldermen as dyneth wyth
the ſhiriffes, taketh their leaue of
my lord, & the reſt go home wt̄ him.

For Wedniſday in Eaſter weke.

Like as afore on the other ij. daies
but that my L. and the Aldermen
muſt bein their violet gounes and
ſutable clokes.

For low Sonday.

All the aldermen mete my lord &
the ſhirifes at Poules in their ſcar-
let gounes furred, without theyr
clokes or horſe, to heare the Ser-
mon.

Vppon the monday and tueſday in
the Whitſon weeke.

The Lord Mayor and Alder-
mē muſt meete with my Lord at
Poules in their ſcarlet gownes

without clokes, to hear ỳ sermon.

For the goyng to Poules the first sonday of euery Terme.

All the aldermen mete my lorde & the shiriffes at Poules in their scarlet gownes furred, or lyned wt out clokes or horse, as the tyme of the yeare requireth whē ỳ terme beginneth.

For the election of the Knightes and Burgeses of the Parliament.

All the aldermen mete my L. & the shiriffes at Guilde hall, at ix. of the clocke in their violet gownes and their clokes furred or lined as the tyme of ỳ yere when they shall be chosen requireth.

And sitteth in the Hustinges court whileſt the Commons chose them. The order is, that they muste chose M. Recorder for one of their Knightes, and one graye cloke for the other, and ij. com-

mo-

moners for the Burgeses, which done they depart.

For the election of Bridge maisters if any of them depart within the yeare.

My lord and the Aldermen sitteth in the Hustinges court while they be chosen in theyr violet gounes without their clokes, and do not remoue vntill the election be done.

The vse of my Lordes cloke.

From Lammas to Whitsontide violet furred, and from Whitsontide to Lammas, scarlet.

For the buriall of Aldermen.

The Aldermen must be in their violet gounes, but those that haue of their frendes blacke gounes.

And if any Alderma̅ that dieth geueth my lorde a blacke gowne, M. Swordbearer must haue an other or els xl.s. in money, ỳ pryce therof, & so cary the sword in black before my lord.

For

My lord and the Aldermē come to the Guilde hall in their violet gounes wōut clokes, but my Lord Mayor must haue his cloke on.

Which court, the com mon cryer warneth.

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